

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources is offering approximately **14** acres of cropland in Carroll County by lease through competitive sealed bids for hay farming purposes for the five year term beginning April 1, 2022. Prospective bidders may contact Patapsco Valley State Park, 8020 Baltimore National Pike Ellicott City MD 21043 / 410-461-5005 to obtain a bid package and further information. Bids are due no later than 10:00 am on **Wednesday, March 30, 2022.** Minority Businesses are encouraged to participate.

LEASE BID PROPOSAL

Area: Patapsco Valley State Park
410-461-5005
Joe Vogelpohl, Assistant Park Manager

Property: 14 acres of cropland
Former Stem/ Ruppert property

See attached maps for actual locations of each separate field offered for lease.

Bidder: I, _____, as President or authorized representative
of _____ hereby submit the following:
The amount of _____ Dollars
(\$ _____) per acre, to total the amount of _____
_____ Dollars (\$ _____)
lump sum for the term of five (5) year to be paid in annual installments of
_____ Dollars (\$ _____) on or before the first day
of January of each year of the term of the lease beginning April 1st, 2022
and ending March 31st, 2027.

Signature of Bidder: _____
Title of Bidder: _____
Full Corporate
Bidder Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Please check your bid to ensure that all blanks have been completed. Failure to provide all required information may result in the rejection of your bid. The successful bidder must comply with all Federal, State, and/or Local laws in leasing the subject property. The successful bidder will be required to sign a Cropland Lease Agreement. A sample copy of the document is attached. The successful bidder will be required to comply with certain special conditions as set forth on the attached sheet to include a minimum acceptable bid amount. Minority businesses are encouraged to participate.

SUCCESSFUL BIDDER NEED NOT BE PRESENT AT THE BID OPENING

Office Use Only – do not complete below:

Bidder Notified: _____ Bidder Accepted: _____
Verified: _____

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

The Maryland Department of Natural Resources ("DNR") is offering approximately 14 acres of cropland for crop purposes only near 3396 Old Washington Rd Westminster MD 21157 in Morgan Run NEA. The successful bidder will be responsible for the following special conditions:

Bidding and Qualifications:

- The minimum acceptable bid is Thirty Dollars (\$30.00) per acre per year.
- Bidder must have a minimum of five (5) years experience managing a commercial hay operation and submit with bid a list of equipment for use in operation to the Landlord's satisfaction. Bidder also must submit with bid a minimum of two (2) professional references.

Required Farming Practices, Operations, and Use of Leased Premises:

- A Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) must be submitted on an annual basis by March 1st of each year – see Section 11 of the Cropland Lease Agreement. *Tenant must comply fully with NMP.* Soil fertility levels must be maintained at nutrient levels/ph at or above current levels as shown on the soil fertility report. Plans for nutrient management shall comply with all applicable federal, state, and local laws and regulations. Persons who review or approve plans for nutrient management shall be certified through the Maryland Department of Agriculture: Nutrient Management Certification Program (Maryland Nutrient Management Regulations, COMAR 15.20.04 - Nutrient Management Certification and Licensing.). Plans for nutrient management that are elements of a more comprehensive conservation plan shall recognize other requirements of the conservation plan and be compatible with its other requirements. Manure and commercial fertilizers are recommended. Proposals to apply mushroom compost (SMS) or other means to build soil fertility through the incorporation of organic content will be considered for suitability on a case-by case basis. *It is the responsibility of the Lessee to conduct end-of-contract soil sampling and provide Landlord a soil fertility report by September 1st of the final year of the contract term.*
- Lessee shall be responsible for noxious weed control on all leased acres and file a timely plan of compliance with the Maryland Department of Agriculture by December 31st of each year of the lease term, with a copy to Landlord (see section 8.e. of the Cropland Lease Agreement).

- A complete list of chemicals and additives proposed to be applied to the property, and an accompanying public notification plan, must be submitted to the Landlord annually in writing for approval, prior to any and all field applications. All proposed applications must be performed in accordance with all applicable laws and regulations and by a certified applicator.
- Work may only be performed between dawn and dusk. No equipment or products may be stored outside of leased areas beyond the growing/ harvest season.

Commencement, DNR Use, Liability, and Insurance:

Leasee must maintain Liability Insurance at all times.

DNR retains the right to use the entire leased premises for public purposes such as, but not limited to, public hunting, trail use, field events, etc.

DNR reserves the right to convert additional acreage deemed necessary for wildlife protection, forestry, agricultural research, erosion control, or other public use purpose.

DNR reserves the right to visually inspect bidders' equipment to ensure ability to fulfill conditions of awarded contract.

See additional terms and conditions set forth in the cropland lease agreement and outbuilding lease agreement attached with this package.

Stem/
Ruppert

14 acres

Carroll County

~ 3396 Old
Washington Rd
westminster, MD
21157

